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I Grow Taller A FRESHMAN'S APPOINTMENT

By Edward G. Holden

He heard murmurs and the sound of affair. feet outside. Fearing that it was a rush in and scize him, he dared not open his door to investigate. Suddenly the his own door a few hours before. disturbance ceased, and retreating footsteps could be heard, dying away at and in he went.

sleep, only to be aroused by renewed terror at the "stomp, stomp, stomp" of some one coming up the hallway novance at the intrusion. The youth toward his room. "Old Had," as the stood there, puzzled at his silence and Greek professor was affectionately rather inquiring mien. than disrespectfully called, was the only person in the region capable of that to stutter at last. staccato thud; for he was obliged to make use of crutches. His voice too tinge of the sarcasm that every student had a peculiar but agreeable metallic ring, and his enunciation was so deliberate that in an indolent man it would have asleep, as I told you," he murmured, degenerated into a drawl. No student hardly audible. who ever had spent a week in his classroom could mistake it.

door, it was followed by a knock of unqualified decision and authority.

The young man sprang from his bed, pulled the bolt, turned back the key and began ti:nidly opening the door.

"You need not open," said the wella breach of the peace? Your unseemly paving-stones." noises can be heard for blocks,"

"But-but-sir," stammered the badly rattled youth, "it wasn't me, sir, I assure you, sir."

add that to your other offenses.

But indeed I didn't do it—the noise I mean, not the grammar. I was asleep, and it woke me up."

"I do not care to engage in a contro-versy at this untimely hour," said the professor. "I heard the noises myself, and don't think I can be mistaken as to who is responsible."

"But, indeed, sir, I never-"

"I must decline to listen to you. Report to me after morning recitation. our offense cannot be overlooked."

The inmate of the room would have further protested against the unjust accusation; but the "thumps" of the retreating official grew fainter.

Visions of disgrace and dismissal, of sacrifices to send him to the university, and the sudden close to his educational ambitions, tormented him most of the time until morning.

ATE one evening a Yale freshman his way to "Old Had's" room. He was who was custodian of one of the trembling at the untoward fate awaiting recitation-buildings was suddenly awak- him unless he could persuade the grim ened by long thunderous noises in the professor of his innocence; but inasmuch hall where his bed-room was situated, as he had no more testimon than on the ending in a "kerchunk" against the door previous night he could conceive of of the recitation-room at the end of it. nothing that was likely to clear up the

By this time he had reached the door, party of hazing sophomores ready to at which he knocked far more timidly than the room's occupant had done on

"Come in!" rang out the clarion voice,

The professor lifted his head from the Much relieved, he turned over to manuscript of the Greek grammar he was preparing for the publishers, with a look of curiosity not unmixed with an-

"I've-I've-come, sir," he contrived

"I see you have," he replied with a with an imperfect lesson dreaded.

"I had nothing to do with it. I was

ho ever had spent a week in his class-om could mistake it.

When the thumping ceased at the rand?" he asked kindly.

"Why-why-you told me to come over here right after recitation!

"Oh, did I? I must have been a somniloquist too. When did you think I told you this?"

"Why, about midnight, at my room in the Athena um Building. This morning known voice. "I can say all I need to in the Athenaum Building. This morning with it ajar. Why are you making such I found out that the noise was a lot of

The smile, which when unrestrained was capable of monopolizing a considerable area of the professor's intelligent and humorous face, was overspreading "Wasn't me' is bad grammar. Do not his countenance. He even indulged in a slight chuckle as he said:

"I perceive that you have been the victim of a conspiracy. Good-morning!"

He turned to his work, and the bewildered freshman retired, understanding at first little of what had happened, except that nothing of what he feared was going to happen to himself.

The a tute and experienced official had gue sed right. It was a "put-up job" on the freshman by some vagrant sophomeres, one of whom with two stout sticks and a successful faculty of imitating the professor's speech, after rolling the stones through the hall, had knocked at his door and filled him with more misery than an ordinary hazing would have done. In time he was able grief to his family, who were making to identify most of his tormentors; but he did not report them. The professor had neither time nor inclination to learn who could imitate him so well as to send his unfortunate dupe to rob him of his precious Promptly after the recitation he found time for special and cherished work.

ΙF

By William J. Lampton

If the man who bought the auto To save a horse's keep Had figured up expenses, He might have learned a heap; But he didn't

If the man who dumped his ducats On the horse he thought would win Had kept them in his pocket, He would be five hundred in; But he didn't.

If the girl had picked a hammock That was built to carry two, It might have never broken And bruised them black and blue; But she didn't.

If the gun had not been loaded When he blew into it, say, He might have still been with us, Alive and well to-day! But it was.

If the man who guessed that poker Was a game that he could buck Had guessed again, it's likely

He'd have played in better luck; But he didn't.

If the lamb who thought that Wall-st. Was a green and grassy spot Had gamboled on his meadows, He might have saved a lot; But he didn't.

If the people's politician Had not started out to wreck The money power, he mightn't Have got it in the neck; But he did.

If the man who drank a high-ball Had let it go at that, He might have told the copper Where his residence was at; But he didn't.

If a girl who has ten millions Thought a nobleman would wed Her merely for her money She would crack his titled head; But she doesn't.



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